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CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Sections 200, 220, 235, 260, 14058, 18701, 18710, 18720, 19323, 35316, 35351, 39830, 44253.2, 44253.3, 44866, 46192, 47605, 51004, 51500, 51802, 60800, 66030, 66210, 66250, 66251, 66270, 66292, 66292.1, 66292.2, 69535, 72011, 72012, 72014, 82305.6, 89757, 92150, and 94600 of, to amend and renumber Sections 220.5 and 66270.5 of, to amend, renumber, and add Section 210.1 of, to add Sections 210.7, 212.1, 212.3, 212.6, 219, 66260.5, 66260.7, 66261.5, 66261.7, 66262.7, and 66269 to, to repeal Section 72013 of, and to repeal and add Sections 212 and 66262 of, the Education Code, relating to education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 777, Kuehl. Discrimination.

(1) Existing law states that it is the policy of the state to afford equal rights and opportunities to all persons in the public or private elementary and secondary schools and postsecondary educational institutions of the state regardless of their sex, ethnic group identification, race, national origin, religion, or mental or physical disability and prohibits a person from being subjected to discrimination on those bases and contains various provisions to implement that policy.

Existing law prohibits a teacher from giving instruction, and a school district from sponsoring any activity, that reflects adversely upon persons because of their race, sex, color, creed, handicap, national origin, or ancestry.

This bill would revise the list of prohibited bases of discrimination and the kinds of prohibited instruction and activities and, instead, would refer to disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic contained in the definition of hate crimes that is contained in the Penal Code. The bill would define disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, and sexual orientation for this purpose.

(2) Existing laws relating to education refer to “handicapped pupils,” “handicapped adults,” “physically handicapped pupils,” “physically handicapped adults,” “the handicapped,” and “handicapped persons.”

This bill would change these terms to “pupils with disabilities,” “adults with disabilities,” “pupils with physical disabilities,” “adults with physical disabilities,” and “persons with disabilities.”

(3) This bill would incorporate additional changes in Section 44253.3 of the Education Code, proposed by SB 859, to be operative only if SB 859 and this bill are both chaptered and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, and this bill is chaptered last.

(4) This bill would incorporate additional changes in Section 66270 of the Education Code, proposed by AB 14, to be operative only if AB 14 and this bill are both chaptered and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, and this bill is chaptered last.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known, and may be cited, as the California Student Civil Rights Act.

SEC. 1.5. Section 200 of the Education Code is amended to read:

200. It is the policy of the State of California to afford all persons in public schools, regardless of their disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code, equal rights and opportunities in the educational institutions of the state. The purpose of this chapter is to prohibit acts that are contrary to that policy and to provide remedies therefor.

SEC. 2. Section 210.1 of the Education Code is amended and renumbered to read:

210.3. “Educational institution” means a public or private preschool, elementary, or secondary school or institution; the governing board of a school district; or any combination of school districts or counties recognized as the administrative agency for public elementary or secondary schools.

SEC. 3. Section 210.1 is added to the Education Code, to read:

210.1. “Disability” includes mental and physical disability as defined in Section 12926 of the Government Code.

SEC. 4. Section 210.7 is added to the Education Code, to read:

210.7. “Gender” means sex, and includes a person’s gender identity and gender related appearance and behavior whether or

not stereotypically associated with the person's assigned sex at birth.

SEC. 5. Section 212 of the Education Code is repealed.

SEC. 6. Section 212 is added to the Education Code, to read:

212. "Nationality" includes citizenship, country of origin, and national origin.

SEC. 7. Section 212.1 is added to the Education Code, to read:

212.1. "Race or ethnicity" includes ancestry, color, ethnic group identification, and ethnic background.

SEC. 8. Section 212.3 is added to the Education Code, to read:

212.3. "Religion" includes all aspects of religious belief, observance, and practice and includes agnosticism and atheism.

SEC. 9. Section 212.6 is added to the Education Code, to read:

212.6. "Sexual orientation" means heterosexuality, homosexuality, or bisexuality.

SEC. 10. Section 219 is added to the Education Code, to read:

219. Disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code includes a perception that the person has any of those characteristics or that the person is associated with a person who has, or is perceived to have, any of those characteristics.

SEC. 11. Section 220 of the Education Code is amended to read:

220. No person shall be subjected to discrimination on the basis of disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code in any program or activity conducted by an educational institution that receives, or benefits from, state financial assistance or enrolls pupils who receive state student financial aid.

SEC. 12. Section 220.5 of the Education Code is amended and renumbered to read:

221. This article shall not apply to an educational institution that is controlled by a religious organization if the application would not be consistent with the religious tenets of that organization.

SEC. 13. Section 235 of the Education Code is amended to read:

235. There shall be no discrimination on the basis of the characteristics listed in Section 220 in any aspect of the operation of alternative schools or charter schools.

SEC. 14. Section 260 of the Education Code is amended to read:

260. The governing board of a school district shall have the primary responsibility for ensuring that school district programs and activities are free from discrimination based on age and the characteristics listed in Section 220 and for monitoring compliance with any and all rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to Section 11138 of the Government Code.

SEC. 15. Section 14058 of the Education Code is amended to read:

14058. (a) For all adults with disabilities educated by the county superintendent of schools, for all secondary schools maintained in juvenile halls, juvenile homes, and juvenile camps by the county superintendent of schools, and for all pupils enrolled in grades 9 to 12, inclusive, in opportunity schools and classes and all continuation schools and classes maintained by the county superintendent of schools, the Superintendent shall allow the same amount as he or she would compute for the foundation program of a high school district under Section 41712.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the total of allowances for education of adults with disabilities in classes established by the county superintendent of schools pursuant to Section 52570 or 78440 shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in any one fiscal year. The Superintendent shall establish a system of priorities that he or she shall by rule or regulation adopt that shall give highest priority to those counties in which no program or an insufficient program for the education of adults with disabilities is provided by the school districts within the county, in order to comply with the limitation prescribed by this section.

SEC. 16. Section 18701 of the Education Code is amended to read:

18701. The Legislature finds and declares that it is in the interest of the people of the state to insure that all people have free and convenient access to all library resources and services that might enrich their lives, regardless of where they live or of the tax base of their local government.

This finding is based on the recognition that:

(a) The public library is a primary source of information, recreation, and education to persons of all ages, any location, or any economic circumstance.

(b) The expansion of knowledge and the increasing complexity of our society create needs for materials and information that go beyond the ability of any one library to provide.

(c) The public libraries of California are supported primarily by local taxes. The ability of local governments to provide adequate service is dependent on the taxable wealth of each local jurisdiction and varies widely throughout the state.

(d) Public libraries are unable to bear the greater costs of meeting the exceptional needs of many residents, including people with disabilities, non-English-speaking and limited-English-speaking persons, those who are confined to home or in an institution, and those who are economically disadvantaged.

(e) The effective sharing of resources and services among the libraries of California requires an ongoing commitment by the state to compensate libraries for services beyond their clientele.

(f) The sharing of services and resources is most efficient when a common database is available to provide information on where materials can be found.

SEC. 17. Section 18710 of the Education Code is amended to read:

18710. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates or unless specific exception is made:

(a) “Academic library” means a library established and maintained by a college or university to meet the needs of its students and faculty, and others by agreement.

(b) “Act” means the California Library Services Act.

(c) “Cooperative library system” means a public library system that consists of two or more jurisdictions entering into a written agreement to implement a regional program in accordance with this chapter, and which, as of the effective date of this chapter, was designated a library system under the Public Library Services Act of 1963 or was a successor to such a library system.

(d) “Direct loan” means the lending of a book or other item directly to a borrower.

(e) “Equal access” means the right of the residents of jurisdictions that are members of a cooperative library system to

use on an equal basis with one another the services and loan privileges of any and all other members of the same system.

(f) “Independent public library” means a public library not a member of a system.

(g) “Interlibrary loan” means the lending of a book or other item from one library to another as the result of a user request for the item.

(h) “Interlibrary reference” means the providing of information by one library or reference center to another library or reference center as the result of a user request for the information.

(i) “Jurisdiction” means a county, city and county, city, or any district that is authorized by law to provide public library services and that operates a public library.

(j) “Libraries for institutionalized persons” means libraries maintained by institutions for the purpose of serving their resident populations.

(k) “Net imbalance” means the disproportionate cost incurred under universal borrowing or equal access when a library directly lends a greater number of items to users from outside its jurisdiction than its residents directly borrow from libraries of other jurisdictions.

(l) “Public library” means a library, or two or more libraries, that is operated by a single public jurisdiction and that serves its residents free of charge.

(m) “School library” means an organized collection of printed and audiovisual materials that satisfies all of the following criteria:

(1) Is administered as a unit.

(2) Is located in a designated place.

(3) Makes printed, audiovisual, and other materials as well as necessary equipment and services of a staff accessible to elementary and secondary school pupils and teachers.

(n) “Special library” means one maintained by an association, government service, research institution, learned society, professional association, museum, business firm, industrial enterprise, chamber of commerce, or other organized group, the greater part of their collections being in a specific field or subject, e.g., natural sciences, economics, engineering, law, and history.

(o) “Special Services Programs” means a project establishing or improving service to the underserved of all ages.

(p) “State board” means the California Library Services Board.

(q) “System” means a cooperative library system.

(r) “Underserved” means any population segment with exceptional service needs not adequately met by traditional library service patterns; including, but not limited to, those persons who are geographically isolated, economically disadvantaged, functionally illiterate, of non-English-speaking or limited-English-speaking ability, shut-in, or institutionalized, or who are persons with disabilities.

(s) “Universal borrowing” means the extension by a public library of its direct loan privileges to the eligible borrowers of all other public libraries.

SEC. 18. Section 18720 of the Education Code is amended to read:

18720. (a) There is hereby established in the state government the California Library Services Board, to consist of 13 members. The Governor shall appoint nine members of the board. Three of the Governor's appointments shall be representative of laypersons, one of whom shall represent people with disabilities, one of whom shall represent limited- and non-English-speaking persons, and one of whom shall represent economically disadvantaged persons.

(b) The Governor shall also appoint six members of the board, each of whom shall represent one of the following categories: school libraries, libraries for institutionalized persons, public library trustees or commissioners, public libraries, special libraries, and academic libraries.

(c) The Legislature shall appoint the remaining four public members from persons who are not representative of categories mentioned in this section. Two shall be appointed by the Senate Rules Committee and two shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

(d) The terms of office of members of the board shall be for four years and shall begin on January 1 of the year in which the respective terms are to start.

SEC. 19. Section 19323 of the Education Code is amended to read:

19323. The State Librarian shall make available on a loan basis to legally blind persons, or to persons with a disability that prevents them from reading conventional printed materials, in the state tape recordings of books and other related materials. The tape recordings shall be selected by the State Library on the same basis as the State

Library's general program for providing library materials to legally blind readers.

SEC. 20. Section 35316 of the Education Code is amended to read:

35316. An applicant for a loan from the fund shall make application therefor in accordance with reasonable rules and regulations established by the governing board of the school district, provided that the rules and regulations shall not include any conditions limiting eligibility on account of the characteristics listed in Section 220.

SEC. 21. Section 35351 of the Education Code is amended to read:

35351. No public school pupil shall be assigned to or be required to attend a particular school because of the characteristics listed in Section 220.

SEC. 22. Section 39830 of the Education Code is amended to read:

39830. A schoolbus is any motor vehicle designed, used, or maintained for the transportation of a school pupil at or below the grade 12 level to or from a public or private school or to or from public or private school activities, except the following:

(a) A motor vehicle of any type carrying only members of the household of its owner.

(b) A motortruck transporting pupils who are seated only in the passenger compartment, and a passenger vehicle designed for and when actually carrying not more than 10 persons, including the driver, except any vehicle or truck transporting two or more pupils who use wheelchairs.

(c) A motor vehicle operated by a common carrier, or by and under exclusive jurisdiction of a publicly owned or operated transit system, only during the time it is on a scheduled run and is available to the general public or on a run scheduled in response to a request from a pupil who uses a wheelchair, or from a parent of the pupil, for transportation to or from nonschool activities. However, the motor vehicle is designed for and actually carries not more than 16 persons and the driver, is available to eligible persons of the general public, and the school does not provide the requested transportation service.

(d) A school pupil activity bus as defined in Section 39830.1.

(e) A motor vehicle operated by a carrier licensed by the Interstate Commerce Commission that is transporting pupils on a school activity entering or returning to the state from another state or country.

(f) A state-owned motor vehicle being operated by a state employee upon the driveways, paths, parking facilities, or grounds specified in Section 21113 of the Vehicle Code that are under the control of a state hospital under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Developmental Services where the posted speed limit is not more than 20 miles per hour. The motor vehicle may also be operated for a distance of not more than one-quarter mile upon a public street or highway that runs through the grounds of a state hospital under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Developmental Services, if the posted speed limit on the public street or highway is not more than 25 miles per hour and if all traffic is regulated by posted stop signs or official traffic control signals at the points of entry and exit by the motor vehicle.

SEC. 23. Section 44253.2 of the Education Code is amended to read:

44253.2. For purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) “Instruction for English language development” means instruction designed specifically for limited-English-proficient pupils to develop their listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in English.

(b) “Specially designed content instruction delivered in English” means instruction in a subject area, delivered in English, that is specially designed to meet the needs of limited-English-proficient pupils.

(c) “Content instruction delivered in the primary language” means instruction in a subject area delivered in the primary language of the pupil.

(d) “Instruction for primary language development” means instruction designed to develop a pupil’s listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in the primary language of the pupil.

(e) “Culture and cultural diversity” means an understanding of human relations, including the following:

- (1) The nature and content of culture.
- (2) Cross cultural contact and interactions.
- (3) Cultural diversity in the United States and California.

(4) Approaches to providing instruction responsive to the diversity of the pupil population.

(5) Recognizing and responding to behavior related to bias based on the characteristics listed in Section 220.

(6) Techniques for the peaceful resolution of conflict.

SEC. 24. Section 44253.3 of the Education Code is amended to read:

44253.3. (a) The commission shall issue a certificate that authorizes the holder to provide all of the following services to limited-English-proficient pupils:

(1) Instruction for English language development in preschool, kindergarten, grades 1 to 12, inclusive, and classes organized primarily for adults, except when the requirement specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) is satisfied by the possession of a children's center instructional permit pursuant to Sections 8363 and 44252.7, a children's center supervision permit pursuant to Section 8363, or a designated subjects teaching credential in adult education pursuant to Section 44260.2. If the requirement specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) is satisfied by the possession of a children's center instructional permit, or a children's center supervision permit, instruction for English language development is limited to the programs authorized by that permit. If the requirement specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) is satisfied by the possession of a designated subjects teaching credential in adult education, instruction for English language development is limited to classes organized primarily for adults.

(2) Specially designed content instruction delivered in English in the subjects and at the levels authorized by the teacher's prerequisite credential or permit used to satisfy the requirement specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b).

(b) The minimum requirements for the certificate shall include all of the following:

(1) Possession of a valid California teaching credential, services credential, children's center instructional permit, or children's center supervision permit which credential or permit authorizes the holder to provide instruction to pupils in preschool, kindergarten, any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, or classes primarily organized for adults, except for any of the following:

(A) Emergency credentials or permits.

(B) Exchange credentials as specified in Section 44333.

(C) District intern credentials as specified in Section 44325.

(D) Sojourn certificated employee credentials as specified in Section 44856.

(E) Teacher education internship credentials as specified in Article 3 (commencing with Section 44450) of Chapter 3.

(2) Passage of one or more examinations that the commission determines are necessary for demonstrating the knowledge and skills required for effective delivery of the services authorized by the certificate.

(3) Completion of at least six semester units, or nine quarter units, of coursework in a second language at a regionally accredited institution of postsecondary education. The commission shall establish minimum standards for scholarship in the required coursework. The commission shall also establish alternative ways in which the requirement can be satisfied by language-learning experience that creates an awareness of the challenges of second language acquisition and development.

(c) Completion of coursework in human relations in accordance with the commission's standards of program quality and effectiveness that includes, at a minimum, instruction in the following:

(1) The nature and content of culture.

(2) Crosscultural contact and interactions.

(3) Cultural diversity in the United States and California.

(4) Providing instruction responsive to the diversity of the pupil population.

(5) Recognizing and responding to behavior related to bias based on the characteristics listed in Section 220.

(6) Techniques for the peaceful resolution of conflict.

(d) The commission shall establish alternative requirements for a teacher to earn the certificate, which shall be awarded as a supplementary authorization pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 44225.

(e) A teacher who possesses a credential or permit described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) and is able to present a valid out-of-state credential or certificate that authorizes the instruction of English language learners may qualify for the certificate issued under this section by submitting an application and fee to the commission.

(f) The certificate shall remain valid as long as the prerequisite credential or permit specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) remains valid.

SEC. 24.5. Section 44253.3 of the Education Code is amended to read:

44253.3. (a) The commission shall issue a certificate that authorizes the holder to provide all of the following services to limited-English-proficient pupils:

(1) Instruction for English language development in preschool, kindergarten, grades 1 to 12, inclusive, and classes organized primarily for adults, except when the requirement specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) is satisfied by the possession of a children's center instructional permit pursuant to Sections 8363 and 44252.7, a children's center supervision permit pursuant to Section 8363, or a designated subjects teaching credential in adult education pursuant to Section 44260.2. If the requirement specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) is satisfied by the possession of a children's center instructional permit, or a children's center supervision permit, instruction for English language development is limited to the programs authorized by that permit. If the requirement specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) is satisfied by the possession of a designated subjects teaching credential in adult education, instruction for English language development is limited to classes organized primarily for adults.

(2) Specially designed content instruction delivered in English in the subjects and at the levels authorized by the teacher's prerequisite credential or permit used to satisfy the requirement specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b).

(b) The minimum requirements for the certificate shall include all of the following:

(1) Possession of a valid California teaching credential, services credential, visiting faculty permit, children's center instructional permit, or children's center supervision permit which credential or permit authorizes the holder to provide instruction to pupils in preschool, kindergarten, any of grades 1 to 12, inclusive, or classes primarily organized for adults, except for any of the following:

(A) Emergency credentials or permits.

(B) Exchange credentials as specified in Section 44333.

(C) District intern credentials as specified in Section 44325.

(D) Sojourn certificated employee credentials as specified in Section 44856.

(E) Teacher education internship credentials as specified in Article 3 (commencing with Section 44450) of Chapter 3.

(2) Passage of one or more examinations that the commission determines are necessary for demonstrating the knowledge and skills required for effective delivery of the services authorized by the certificate.

(3) Completion of at least six semester units, or nine quarter units, of coursework in a second language at a regionally accredited institution of postsecondary education. The commission shall establish minimum standards for scholarship in the required coursework. The commission shall also establish alternative ways in which the requirement can be satisfied by language-learning experience that creates an awareness of the challenges of second-language acquisition and development.

(c) Completion of coursework in human relations in accordance with the commission's standards of program quality and effectiveness that includes, at a minimum, instruction in the following:

(1) The nature and content of culture.

(2) Crosscultural contact and interactions.

(3) Cultural diversity in the United States and California.

(4) Providing instruction responsive to the diversity of the pupil population.

(5) Recognizing and responding to behavior related to bias based on the characteristics listed in Section 220.

(6) Techniques for the peaceful resolution of conflict.

(d) The commission shall establish alternative requirements for a teacher to earn the certificate, which shall be awarded as a supplementary authorization pursuant to subdivision (e) of Section 44225.

(e) A teacher who possesses a credential or permit described in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) and is able to present a valid out-of-state credential or certificate that authorizes the instruction of English language learners may qualify for the certificate issued under this section by submitting an application and fee to the commission.

(f) The certificate shall remain valid as long as the prerequisite credential or permit specified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) remains valid.

SEC. 25. Section 44866 of the Education Code is amended to read:

44866. The qualifications of a home instructor of pupils with physical disabilities shall be a valid teaching credential or a credential authorizing the teaching of exceptional children in an area of specialized preparation issued by the state board, or the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

SEC. 26. Section 46192 of the Education Code is amended to read:

46192. Each clock hour of teaching time devoted to the individual instruction of adults with physical disabilities who are patients in a tuberculosis ward or hospital maintained by one or more counties shall count as one day of attendance but no such adult shall be credited with more than one day of attendance in any calendar day.

SEC. 27. Section 47605 of the Education Code is amended to read:

47605. (a) (1) Except as set forth in paragraph (2), a petition for the establishment of a charter school within any school district may be circulated by any one or more persons seeking to establish the charter school. A petition for the establishment of a charter school shall identify a single charter school that will operate within the geographic boundaries of that school district. A charter school may propose to operate at multiple sites within the school district, as long as each location is identified in the charter school petition. The petition may be submitted to the governing board of the school district for review after either of the following conditions are met:

(A) The petition has been signed by a number of parents or legal guardians of pupils that is equivalent to at least one-half of the number of pupils that the charter school estimates will enroll in the school for its first year of operation.

(B) The petition has been signed by a number of teachers that is equivalent to at least one-half of the number of teachers that the charter school estimates will be employed at the school during its first year of operation.

(2) A petition that proposes to convert an existing public school to a charter school that would not be eligible for a loan pursuant

to subdivision (b) of Section 41365 may be circulated by any one or more persons seeking to establish the charter school. The petition may be submitted to the governing board of the school district for review after the petition has been signed by not less than 50 percent of the permanent status teachers currently employed at the public school to be converted.

(3) A petition shall include a prominent statement that a signature on the petition means that the parent or legal guardian is meaningfully interested in having his or her child or ward attend the charter school, or in the case of a teacher's signature, means that the teacher is meaningfully interested in teaching at the charter school. The proposed charter shall be attached to the petition.

(4) After receiving approval of its petition, a charter school that proposes to establish operations at one or more additional sites shall request a material revision to its charter and shall notify the authority that granted its charter of those additional locations. The authority that granted its charter shall consider whether to approve those additional locations at an open, public meeting. If the additional locations are approved, they shall be a material revision to the charter school's charter.

(5) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a charter school that is unable to locate within the jurisdiction of the chartering school district may establish one site outside the boundaries of the school district, but within the county within which that school district is located, if the school district within whose jurisdiction the charter school proposes to operate is notified in advance of the charter petition approval, the county superintendent of schools and the Superintendent are notified of the location of the charter school before it commences operations, and either of the following circumstances exist:

(A) The school has attempted to locate a single site or facility to house the entire program, but a site or facility is unavailable in the area in which the school chooses to locate.

(B) The site is needed for temporary use during a construction or expansion project.

(6) Commencing January 1, 2003, a petition to establish a charter school may not be approved to serve pupils in a grade level that is not served by the school district of the governing board considering the petition, unless the petition proposes to serve pupils in all of the grade levels served by that school district.

(b) No later than 30 days after receiving a petition, in accordance with subdivision (a), the governing board of the school district shall hold a public hearing on the provisions of the charter, at which time the governing board of the school district shall consider the level of support for the petition by teachers employed by the district, other employees of the district, and parents. Following review of the petition and the public hearing, the governing board of the school district shall either grant or deny the charter within 60 days of receipt of the petition, provided, however, that the date may be extended by an additional 30 days if both parties agree to the extension. In reviewing petitions for the establishment of charter schools pursuant to this section, the chartering authority shall be guided by the intent of the Legislature that charter schools are and should become an integral part of the California educational system and that establishment of charter schools should be encouraged. The governing board of the school district shall grant a charter for the operation of a school under this part if it is satisfied that granting the charter is consistent with sound educational practice. The governing board of the school district shall not deny a petition for the establishment of a charter school unless it makes written factual findings, specific to the particular petition, setting forth specific facts to support one or more of the following findings:

(1) The charter school presents an unsound educational program for the pupils to be enrolled in the charter school.

(2) The petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the petition.

(3) The petition does not contain the number of signatures required by subdivision (a).

(4) The petition does not contain an affirmation of each of the conditions described in subdivision (d).

(5) The petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all of the following:

(A) (i) A description of the educational program of the school, designed, among other things, to identify those whom the school is attempting to educate, what it means to be an “educated person” in the 21st century, and how learning best occurs. The goals identified in that program shall include the objective of enabling pupils to become self-motivated, competent, and lifelong learners.

(ii) If the proposed school will serve high school pupils, a description of the manner in which the charter school will inform parents about the transferability of courses to other public high schools and the eligibility of courses to meet college entrance requirements. Courses offered by the charter school that are accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges may be considered transferable and courses approved by the University of California or the California State University as creditable under the “A” to “G” admissions criteria may be considered to meet college entrance requirements.

(B) The measurable pupil outcomes identified for use by the charter school. “Pupil outcomes,” for purposes of this part, means the extent to which all pupils of the school demonstrate that they have attained the skills, knowledge, and attitudes specified as goals in the school’s educational program.

(C) The method by which pupil progress in meeting those pupil outcomes is to be measured.

(D) The governance structure of the school, including, but not limited to, the process to be followed by the school to ensure parental involvement.

(E) The qualifications to be met by individuals to be employed by the school.

(F) The procedures that the school will follow to ensure the health and safety of pupils and staff. These procedures shall include the requirement that each employee of the school furnish the school with a criminal record summary as described in Section 44237.

(G) The means by which the school will achieve a racial and ethnic balance among its pupils that is reflective of the general population residing within the territorial jurisdiction of the school district to which the charter petition is submitted.

(H) Admission requirements, if applicable.

(I) The manner in which annual, independent, financial audits shall be conducted, which shall employ generally accepted accounting principles, and the manner in which audit exceptions and deficiencies shall be resolved to the satisfaction of the chartering authority.

(J) The procedures by which pupils can be suspended or expelled.

(K) The manner by which staff members of the charter schools will be covered by the State Teachers' Retirement System, the Public Employees' Retirement System, or federal social security.

(L) The public school attendance alternatives for pupils residing within the school district who choose not to attend charter schools.

(M) A description of the rights of any employee of the school district upon leaving the employment of the school district to work in a charter school, and of any rights of return to the school district after employment at a charter school.

(N) The procedures to be followed by the charter school and the entity granting the charter to resolve disputes relating to provisions of the charter.

(O) A declaration whether or not the charter school shall be deemed the exclusive public school employer of the employees of the charter school for the purposes of the Educational Employment Relations Act (Chapter 10.7 (commencing with Section 3540) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code).

(P) A description of the procedures to be used if the charter school closes. The procedures shall ensure a final audit of the school to determine the disposition of all assets and liabilities of the charter school, including plans for disposing of any net assets and for the maintenance and transfer of pupil records.

(c) (1) Charter schools shall meet all statewide standards and conduct the pupil assessments required pursuant to Sections 60605 and 60851 and any other statewide standards authorized in statute or pupil assessments applicable to pupils in noncharter public schools.

(2) Charter schools shall, on a regular basis, consult with their parents, legal guardians, and teachers regarding the school's educational programs.

(d) (1) In addition to any other requirement imposed under this part, a charter school shall be nonsectarian in its programs, admission policies, employment practices, and all other operations, shall not charge tuition, and shall not discriminate against any pupil on the basis of the characteristics listed in Section 220. Except as provided in paragraph (2), admission to a charter school shall not be determined according to the place of residence of the pupil, or of his or her parent or legal guardian, within this state, except that any existing public school converting partially or entirely to a charter school under this part shall adopt and maintain a policy

giving admission preference to pupils who reside within the former attendance area of that public school.

(2) (A) A charter school shall admit all pupils who wish to attend the school.

(B) However, if the number of pupils who wish to attend the charter school exceeds the school's capacity, attendance, except for existing pupils of the charter school, shall be determined by a public random drawing. Preference shall be extended to pupils currently attending the charter school and pupils who reside in the district except as provided for in Section 47614.5. Other preferences may be permitted by the chartering authority on an individual school basis and only if consistent with the law.

(C) In the event of a drawing, the chartering authority shall make reasonable efforts to accommodate the growth of the charter school and, in no event, shall take any action to impede the charter school from expanding enrollment to meet pupil demand.

(3) If a pupil is expelled or leaves the charter school without graduating or completing the school year for any reason, the charter school shall notify the superintendent of the school district of the pupil's last known address within 30 days, and shall, upon request, provide that school district with a copy of the cumulative record of the pupil, including a transcript of grades or report card, and health information. This paragraph applies only to pupils subject to compulsory full-time education pursuant to Section 48200.

(e) The governing board of a school district shall not require any employee of the school district to be employed in a charter school.

(f) The governing board of a school district shall not require any pupil enrolled in the school district to attend a charter school.

(g) The governing board of a school district shall require that the petitioner or petitioners provide information regarding the proposed operation and potential effects of the school, including, but not limited to, the facilities to be utilized by the school, the manner in which administrative services of the school are to be provided, and potential civil liability effects, if any, upon the school and upon the school district. The description of the facilities to be used by the charter school shall specify where the school intends to locate. The petitioner or petitioners shall also be required to provide financial statements that include a proposed first-year

operational budget, including startup costs, and cashflow and financial projections for the first three years of operation.

(h) In reviewing petitions for the establishment of charter schools within the school district, the governing board of the school district shall give preference to petitions that demonstrate the capability to provide comprehensive learning experiences to pupils identified by the petitioner or petitioners as academically low achieving pursuant to the standards established by the department under Section 54032.

(i) Upon the approval of the petition by the governing board of the school district, the petitioner or petitioners shall provide written notice of that approval, including a copy of the petition, to the applicable county superintendent of schools, the department, and the state board.

(j) (1) If the governing board of a school district denies a petition, the petitioner may elect to submit the petition for the establishment of a charter school to the county board of education. The county board of education shall review the petition pursuant to subdivision (b). If the petitioner elects to submit a petition for establishment of a charter school to the county board of education and the county board of education denies the petition, the petitioner may file a petition for establishment of a charter school with the state board, and the state board may approve the petition, in accordance with subdivision (b). Any charter school that receives approval of its petition from a county board of education or from the state board on appeal shall be subject to the same requirements concerning geographic location that it would otherwise be subject to if it receives approval from the entity to whom it originally submits its petition. A charter petition that is submitted to either a county board of education or to the state board shall meet all otherwise applicable petition requirements, including the identification of the proposed site or sites where the charter school will operate.

(2) In assuming its role as a chartering agency, the state board shall develop criteria to be used for the review and approval of charter school petitions presented to the state board. The criteria shall address all elements required for charter approval, as identified in subdivision (b) and shall define “reasonably comprehensive” as used in paragraph (5) of subdivision (b) in a way that is consistent with the intent of this part. Upon satisfactory

completion of the criteria, the state board shall adopt the criteria on or before June 30, 2001.

(3) A charter school for which a charter is granted by either the county board of education or the state board based on an appeal pursuant to this subdivision shall qualify fully as a charter school for all funding and other purposes of this part.

(4) If either the county board of education or the state board fails to act on a petition within 120 days of receipt, the decision of the governing board of the school district, to deny a petition shall, thereafter, be subject to judicial review.

(5) The state board shall adopt regulations implementing this subdivision.

(6) Upon the approval of the petition by the county board of education, the petitioner or petitioners shall provide written notice of that approval, including a copy of the petition to the department and the state board.

(k) (1) The state board may, by mutual agreement, designate its supervisorial and oversight responsibilities for a charter school approved by the state board to any local education agency in the county in which the charter school is located or to the governing board of the school district that first denied the petition.

(2) The designated local education agency shall have all monitoring and supervising authority of a chartering agency, including, but not limited to, powers and duties set forth in Section 47607, except the power of revocation, which shall remain with the state board.

(3) A charter school that has been granted its charter through an appeal to the state board and elects to seek renewal of its charter shall, prior to expiration of the charter, submit its petition for renewal to the governing board of the school district that initially denied the charter. If the governing board of the school district denies the school's petition for renewal, the school may petition the state board for renewal of its charter.

(l) Teachers in charter schools shall hold a Commission on Teacher Credentialing certificate, permit, or other document equivalent to that which a teacher in other public schools would be required to hold. These documents shall be maintained on file at the charter school and are subject to periodic inspection by the chartering authority. It is the intent of the Legislature that charter

schools be given flexibility with regard to noncore, noncollege preparatory courses.

(m) A charter school shall transmit a copy of its annual, independent, financial audit report for the preceding fiscal year, as described in subparagraph (I) of paragraph (5) of subdivision (b), to its chartering entity, the Controller, the county superintendent of schools of the county in which the charter school is sited, unless the county board of education of the county in which the charter school is sited is the chartering entity, and the department by December 15 of each year. This subdivision does not apply if the audit of the charter school is encompassed in the audit of the chartering entity pursuant to Section 41020.

SEC. 28. Section 51004 of the Education Code is amended to read:

51004. The Legislature hereby recognizes that it is the policy of the people of the State of California to provide an educational opportunity to the end that every pupil leaving school shall have the opportunity to be prepared to enter the world of work; that every pupil who graduates from any state-supported educational institution should have sufficient marketable skills for legitimate remunerative employment; that every qualified and eligible adult citizen shall be afforded an educational opportunity to become suitably employed in some remunerative field of employment; and that these opportunities are a right to be enjoyed without regard to economic status or the characteristics listed in Section 220.

The Legislature further recognizes that all pupils need to be provided with opportunities to explore and make career choices and to seek appropriate instruction and training to support those choices. The Legislature therefore finds that fairs as community resource and youth leadership activities are integral to assisting and guiding pupils in making choices and therefore encourage the further expansion of cooperative activities between schools, youth leadership activities, and community resources. Among community resources of particular significance in providing information on various career opportunities are vocational and occupational exhibits, demonstrations and activities conducted at fairs.

SEC. 29. Section 51500 of the Education Code is amended to read:

51500. No teacher shall give instruction nor shall a school district sponsor any activity that promotes a discriminatory bias because of a characteristic listed in Section 220.

SEC. 30. Section 51802 of the Education Code is amended to read:

51802. (a) The governing board of a school district maintaining a home teaching program, or providing home instruction as authorized by law for pupils with disabilities, may provide home teaching or instruction on Saturday.

(b) No pupil shall be required to attend a home teaching program or home instruction on Saturday without the consent of his or her parent or legal guardian.

SEC. 31. Section 60800 of the Education Code is amended to read:

60800. (a) During the month of February, March, April, or May, the governing board of each school district maintaining any of grades 5, 7, and 9 shall administer to each pupil in those grades the physical performance test designated by the state board. Each pupil with a physical disability and each pupil who is physically unable to take all of the physical performance test shall be given as much of the test as his or her condition will permit.

(b) Upon request of the department, a school district shall submit to the department, at least once every two years, the results of its physical performance testing.

(c) The department shall compile the results of the physical performance test and submit a report every two years, by December 31, to the Legislature and Governor that standardizes the data, tracks the development of high-quality fitness programs, and compares the performance of California's pupils with national performance, to the extent that funding is available.

(d) Pupils shall be provided with their individual results after completing the physical performance testing. The test results may be provided orally as the pupil completes the testing.

(e) The governing board of a school district shall report the aggregate results of its physical performance testing administered pursuant to this section in their annual school accountability report card required by Sections 33126 and 35256.

SEC. 32. Section 66030 of the Education Code is amended to read:

66030. (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that public higher education in California strive to provide educationally equitable environments that give each Californian, regardless of age, economic circumstance, or the characteristics listed in Section 66270, a reasonable opportunity to develop fully his or her potential.

(b) It is the responsibility of the governing boards of institutions of higher education to ensure and maintain multicultural learning environments free from all forms of discrimination and harassment, in accordance with state and federal law.

SEC. 33. Section 66210 of the Education Code is amended to read:

66210. (a) The Office of Emergency Services shall develop guidelines for campuses of the University of California and the California State University to use in developing emergency evacuation plans for all forms of student housing owned, operated, and offered by the university, both on campus and off campus. In developing the guidelines, the Office of Emergency Services shall consider Sections 3.09 and 3.13 of Title 19 of the California Code of Regulations. The guidelines shall address all of the following issues:

(1) Plan content. The plans should include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(A) Specific evacuation routes that recognize the needs of persons with special needs, such as persons with disabilities.

(B) The designation of a meeting place or places upon evacuation.

(C) The education of students and staff in emergency procedures.

(2) The implementation and maintenance of the evacuation plan by the Director of Student Housing, or other appropriate officer, at the individual campuses. The director, or other appropriate officer, is responsible for scheduling periodic tests of the plan and implementing changes as needed.

(b) Each campus of the University of California and the California State University shall establish an emergency evacuation plan for its postsecondary student housing and may consult with the Office of Emergency Services for guidance in developing and establishing the plan.

SEC. 34. Section 66250 of the Education Code is amended to read:

66250. This chapter shall be known, and may be cited, as the Equity in Higher Education Act.

SEC. 35. Section 66251 of the Education Code is amended to read:

66251. It is the policy of the State of California to afford all persons, regardless of disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other basis that is contained in the prohibition of hate crimes set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 422.6 of the Penal Code, equal rights and opportunities in the postsecondary institutions of the state. The purpose of this chapter is to prohibit acts that are contrary to that policy and to provide remedies therefor.

SEC. 36. Section 66260.5 is added to the Education Code, to read:

66260.5. “Disability” includes mental and physical disability as defined in Section 12926 of the Government Code.

SEC. 37. Section 66260.7 is added to the Education Code, to read:

66260.7. “Gender” means sex, and includes a person’s gender identity and gender related appearance and behavior whether or not stereotypically associated with the person’s assigned sex at birth.

SEC. 38. Section 66261.5 is added to the Education Code, to read:

66261.5. “Nationality” includes citizenship, country of origin, and national origin.

SEC. 39. Section 66261.7 is added to the Education Code, to read:

66261.7. “Race or ethnicity” includes ancestry, color, ethnic group identification, and ethnic background.

SEC. 40. Section 66262 of the Education Code is repealed.

SEC. 41. Section 66262 is added to the Education Code, to read:

66262. “Religion” includes all aspects of religious belief, observance, and practice and includes agnosticism and atheism.

SEC. 42. Section 66262.7 is added to the Education Code, to read:

66262.7. “Sexual orientation” means heterosexuality, homosexuality, or bisexuality.

SEC. 43. Section 66269 is added to the Education Code, to read:

66269. Disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic contained in the definition of hate crimes set forth in Section 422.55 of the Penal Code includes a perception that the person has any of those characteristics or that the person is associated with a person who has, or is perceived to have, any of those characteristics.

SEC. 44. Section 66270 of the Education Code is amended to read:

66270. No person shall be subjected to discrimination on the basis of disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic that is contained in the prohibition of hate crimes set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 422.6 of the Penal Code in any program or activity conducted by any postsecondary educational institution that receives, or benefits from, state financial assistance or enrolls students who receive state student financial aid.

SEC. 44.5. Section 66270 of the Education Code is amended to read:

66270. No person shall be subjected to discrimination on the basis of disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any characteristic listed or defined in Section 11135 of the Government Code or any other characteristic that is contained in the prohibition of hate crimes set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 422.6 of the Penal Code in any program or activity conducted by any postsecondary educational institution that receives, or benefits from, state financial assistance or enrolls students who receive state student financial aid.

SEC. 45. Section 66270.5 of the Education Code is amended and renumbered to read:

66271. This chapter shall not apply to an educational institution that is controlled by a religious organization if the application would not be consistent with the religious tenets of that organization.

SEC. 46. Section 66292 of the Education Code is amended to read:

66292. (a) The governing board of a community college district shall have the primary responsibility for ensuring that community

college district programs and activities are free from discrimination based on age and the characteristics listed in Section 66270.

(b) The Chancellor's office of the California Community Colleges shall have responsibility for monitoring the compliance of each district with any and all regulations adopted pursuant to Section 11138 of the Government Code.

SEC. 47. Section 66292.1 of the Education Code is amended to read:

66292.1. The Chancellor of the California State University and the president of each California State University campus shall have the primary responsibility for ensuring that campus programs and activities are free from discrimination based on age and the characteristics listed in Section 66270.

SEC. 48. Section 66292.2 of the Education Code is amended to read:

66292.2. The President of the University of California and the chancellor of each University of California campus shall have primary responsibility for ensuring that campus programs and activities are free from discrimination based on age and the characteristics listed in Section 66270.

SEC. 49. Section 69535 of the Education Code is amended to read:

69535. (a) Cal Grant Program awards shall be based upon the financial need of the applicant. The level of financial need of each applicant shall be determined by the commission pursuant to Article 1.5 (commencing with Section 69503).

(b) For the applicants so qualifying, academic criteria or criteria related to past performances shall be utilized as the criteria in determining eligibility for grants.

(c) All Cal Grant Program award recipients shall be residents of California, as determined by the commission pursuant to Part 41 (commencing with Section 68000), and shall remain eligible only if they are in attendance and making satisfactory progress through the instructional programs, as determined by the commission.

(d) Part-time students shall not be discriminated against in the selection of Cal Grant Program award recipients, and awards to part-time students shall be roughly proportional to the time spent in the instructional program, as determined by the commission.

First-time Cal Grant Program award recipients who are part-time students shall be eligible for a full-time renewal award.

(e) Cal Grant Program awards shall be awarded without regard to age or the characteristics listed in Section 66270.

(f) No applicant shall receive more than one type of Cal Grant Program award concurrently. Except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (c) of Section 69535.1, no applicant shall:

(1) Receive one or a combination of Cal Grant Program awards in excess of a total of four years of full-time attendance in an undergraduate program.

(2) Have obtained a baccalaureate degree prior to receiving a Cal Grant Program award, except as provided in Section 69540.

(g) Cal Grant Program awards, except as provided in subdivision (c) of Section 69535.1, may only be used for educational expenses of a program of study leading directly to an undergraduate degree or certificate, or for expenses of undergraduate coursework in a program of study leading directly to a first professional degree, but for which no baccalaureate degree is awarded.

(h) Commencing in 1999, the commission shall, for students who accelerate college attendance, increase the amount of award proportional to the period of additional attendance resulting from attendance in classes that fulfill requirements or electives for graduation during summer terms, sessions, or quarters. In the aggregate, the total amount a student may receive in a four-year period may not be increased as a result of accelerating his or her progress to a degree by attending summer terms, sessions, or quarters.

(i) The commission shall notify Cal Grant award recipients of the availability of funding for the summer term, session, or quarter through prominent notice in financial aid award letters, materials, guides, electronic information, and other means that may include, but not be limited to, surveys, newspaper articles, or attachments to communications from the commission and any other published documents.

(j) The commission may provide by appropriate rules and regulations for reports, accounting, and statements from the award winner and college or university of attendance pertaining to the use or application of the award as the commission may deem proper.

(k) The commission may establish Cal Grant Program awards in one hundred dollar (\$100) increments.

(l) A Cal Grant Program award may be utilized only at the following institutions or programs:

(1) Any California private or independent postsecondary educational institution or program that participates in two of the three federal campus-based student aid programs and whose students participate in the Pell Grant program.

(2) Any nonprofit regionally accredited institution headquartered and operating in California that certifies to the commission that 10 percent of the institution's operating budget, as demonstrated in an audited financial statement, is expended for the purposes of institutionally funded student financial aid in the form of grants and that demonstrates to the commission that it has the administrative capacity to administer the funds.

(3) Any California public postsecondary educational institution or program.

SEC. 50. Section 72011 of the Education Code is amended to read:

72011. Every community college district shall provide access to its services, classes, and programs without regard to the characteristics listed in Section 66270.

SEC. 51. Section 72012 of the Education Code is amended to read:

72012. Every community college shall comply with Section 66016, the Equity in Higher Education Act as set forth in Chapter 4.5 (commencing with Section 66250) of Part 40 of Division 5, and other applicable laws relating to discrimination.

SEC. 52. Section 72013 of the Education Code is repealed.

SEC. 53. Section 72014 of the Education Code is amended to read:

72014. No funds under the control of a community college district shall ever be used for membership or for any participation involving a financial payment or contribution, on behalf of the district or any individual employed by or associated therewith, in any private organization whose membership practices are discriminatory on the basis of the characteristics listed in Section 66270. This section does not apply to any public funds that have been paid to an individual officer or employee of the district as

salary, or to any funds that are used directly or indirectly for the benefit of student organizations.

SEC. 54. Section 82305.6 of the Education Code is amended to read:

82305.6. When the governing board of a community college district provides for the transportation of students to and from community colleges, the governing board of the district may require the parents and legal guardians of all or some of the students transported, to pay a portion of the cost of the transportation in an amount determined by the governing board. The amount determined by the board shall be no greater than that paid for transportation on a common carrier or municipally owned transit system by other students in the district who do not use the transportation provided by the district. The governing board shall exempt from the charges students of parents and legal guardians who are indigent as set forth in rules and regulations adopted by the board. No charge under this section shall be made for the transportation of students with disabilities. Nothing in this section shall be construed to sanction, perpetuate, or promote the racial or ethnic segregation of students in the community colleges.

SEC. 55. Section 89757 of the Education Code is amended to read:

89757. None of the funds enumerated in Section 89756, nor any of the funds of an auxiliary organization, shall ever be used by any university or college for membership or for any participation involving a financial payment or contribution, on behalf of the institution, or any individual employed by or associated therewith, in any private organization whose membership practices are discriminatory on the basis of the characteristics listed in Section 66270. This section does not apply to any public funds that have been paid to an individual employee or officer as salary, or to any funds that are used directly or indirectly for the benefit of student organizations.

SEC. 56. Section 92150 of the Education Code is amended to read:

92150. No state funds under the control of an officer or employee of the University of California shall ever be used for membership or for any participation involving a financial payment or contribution, on behalf of the university, or any individual employed by or associated therewith, in any private organization

whose membership practices are discriminatory on the basis of the characteristics listed in Section 66270. This section does not apply to any public funds that have been paid to an individual employee or officer of the university as salary, or to any funds that are used directly or indirectly for the benefit of student organizations.

SEC. 57. Section 94600 of the Education Code is amended to read:

94600. (a) The Office of Emergency Services shall develop guidelines for private colleges and universities to use in developing emergency evacuation plans for all forms of student housing owned, operated, and offered by private colleges and universities, both on campus and off campus. In developing the guidelines, the Office of Emergency Services shall consider Sections 3.09 and 3.13 of Title 19 of the California Code of Regulations. The guidelines shall address all of the following issues:

(1) Plan content. The plans should include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(A) Specific evacuation routes that recognize the needs of persons with special needs, such as persons with disabilities.

(B) The designation of a meeting place or places upon evacuation.

(C) The education of students and staff in emergency procedures.

(2) The implementation and maintenance of the evacuation plan by the Director of Student Housing, or other appropriate officer, at individual campuses. The director, or other appropriate officer, is responsible for scheduling periodic tests of the plan and implementing changes as needed.

(b) Each private college or university shall establish an emergency evacuation plan for its postsecondary student housing and may consult with the Office of Emergency Services for guidance in developing and establishing the plan.

SEC. 58. Section 24.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 44253.3 of the Education Code proposed by both this bill and SB 859. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, (2) each bill amends Section 44253.3 of the Education Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after SB 859, in which case Section 24 of this bill shall not become operative.

SEC. 59. Section 44.5 of this bill incorporates amendments to Section 66270 of the Education Code proposed by both this bill and AB 14. It shall only become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2008, (2) each bill amends Section 66270 of the Education Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after AB 14, in which case Section 44 of this bill shall not become operative.

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Governor